

City of Corunna
Regular Council Meeting
Monday, May 3, 1999

Present: Weaver, Bayless, Dumond, Moore, Ockerman, Runyan.

Absent: Bendall.

Guests: Lisa Hitchcock, City Manager; Tim Crawford, Superintendent of Public Works; Jackie Leone, The Argus Press; Judy Horton; Seema and Pam Karsan; Bob Evans, Corunna Veterans of Foreign Wars; Officer Kim Williams, Police Department; Bill Constine, The Independent; Ruby Cramer, Corunna Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxillary; Dave Wenzlick; Mike O'Leary; and other concerned citizens.

The meeting was called to order in the City Council Chambers by Mayor Weaver at 7:00 p.m.

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS REGULAR MEETING: Dumond moved, Bayless seconded to approve the April 19, 1999 Regular Council Minutes as presented.

Roll call vote:

Yes: Ockerman, Dumond, Moore, Runyan, Bayless.

No: None.

Motion CARRIED

AGENDA APPROVAL: Runyan moved, Dumond seconded to approve the agenda as presented by removing Consider Appointment to the Corunna Softball Commission under Item No. 1.

Roll call vote:

Yes: Bayless, Runyan, Ockerman, Dumond, Moore.

No: None.

Motion CARRIED

APPROVAL OF VENDOR DISBURSEMENTS: Dumond moved, Ockerman seconded to approve the vendor disbursements as presented.

Roll call vote:

Yes: Runyan, Ockerman, Bayless, Moore, Dumond.

No: None.

Motion CARRIED

CALL TO AUDIENCE: Bob Evans, Corunna Veterans of Foreign Wars, advised council that for a number of years the Veterans of Foreign Wars have sold poppies in memory of the veterans who fought in World War I. Mr. Evans introduced the Poppy Queen, Seema Karsan, who sold the first poppy to Mayor Weaver.

CONSIDER COUNCIL APPOINTMENT TO THE FOURTH OF JULY COMMISSION:

Dumond moved, Ockerman seconded to appoint Larry Runyan as council representative to the Fourth of July Commission.

Roll call vote:

Yes: Moore, Dumond, Bayless, Ockerman, Runyan.

No: None.

Motion CARRIED

CONSIDER PURCHASE OF BACKHOE: Mayor Weaver advised that three bids were received for the backhoe. He further advised the city manager and superintendent of public works have recommended that council accept the bid from AIS Construction. Councilperson Ockerman stated he spoke with Mr. Miller from Miller Ford and asked him what the height limitations were with his backhoe. Councilperson Ockerman advised he was told the backhoe would not fit under the garage door when the backhoe is in a lockdown situation. He asked Mr. Crawford if this was the reason the backhoe would not fit under the garage door. Mr. Crawford advised yes. Councilperson Ockerman asked if a backhoe of this weight was needed. Mr. Crawford stated the backhoe also has an extend-a-hoe feature on it, which has a lot to do with the recommendation that was made. Councilperson Ockerman stated he just wanted to be sure that a local company was given every chance to bid on the equipment that was needed. Dumond moved, Ockerman seconded to purchase a backhoe from AIS Construction in the amount of \$50,700 under a five-year lease purchase.

Roll call vote:

Yes: Bayless, Runyan, Dumond, Moore, Ockerman.

No: None.

Motion CARRIED

CALL TO AUDIENCE: Judy Horton asked why a guardrail was placed at the end of the drive near the playscape. She stated she has heard that Gary Schooley intends to remove and replace the guardrail with a berm. Ms. Horton suggested moving the guardrail to the area where the big tree is located and then fill in the area to create additional parking for the playscape. Ms. Hitchcock advised the guardrail was placed at the end of the drive because there were automobiles racing through the area. Ms. Horton advised additional parking is needed for the playscape. Ms. Horton asked if she would be in trouble if she used her own equipment in the village. Ms. Hitchcock advised Ms. Horton that she should check with her insurance company. Ms. Horton stated she did not want to create a situation like the ballfield has had recently.

PRE-COUNCIL: Mayor Weaver advised a council representative was needed on the Council on Aging and asked to have the appointment added on the next agenda.

COUNCIL COMMENTS: Councilperson Ockerman asked why the grass in the Stu Coutts Pavilion area had not been mowed. Mr. Crawford advised the grass would be mowed Tuesday. Councilperson Ockerman asked how soon the city receives the boards or commission minutes. Ms. Hitchcock advised it could take a month to receive them because the minutes are adopted at the next meeting. Councilperson Bayless advised he would bring in the ambulance board meeting minutes that he has received. Councilperson Runyan asked why the meeting minutes take a month to get to council. Ms. Hitchcock advised the minutes are given to council as soon as city hall receives them. Ms. Horton stated the boards and commissions have to approve them first to make sure they are correct just like council does.

Mr. Crawford advised he had a Department of Public Works staffing problem. Mayor Weaver asked how many vacancies needed to be filled. Mr. Crawford stated he can hire five seasonal workers, which he is currently working on but Frank Svrcek's position requires a Commercial Drivers License.

Ms. Hitchcock advised council a firm count for Mayor Exchange Day is needed. Councilpersons Moore, Ockerman, Dumond, Runyan and Mayor Weaver stated they were planning to participate. Mayor Weaver asked who would be willing to participate on May 26 when the Carleton officials come to Corunna. Councilpersons Dumond and Ockerman advised they were willing to participate.

Ms. Hitchcock advised council of a new senate bill involving residency requirements. She further advised she contacted Senator Rogers' and Representative Julian's office for their position on the senate bill. Ms. Hitchcock stated it was her understanding that Senator Rogers was on the committee that drew up the senate bill and his office was not very receptive to her opinion on the matter but Representative Julian was very receptive.

Ms. Hitchcock advised that interviews would be held on Friday for the vacant treasurer position. Councilperson Runyan stated he would like to read the five resumes. Ms. Hitchcock advised she would get copies of the resumes to council.

ADJOURN: Dumond moved, Runyan seconded to adjourn.

Roll call vote:

Yes: Bayless, Runyan, Ockerman, Dumond, Moore.

No: None.

Motion CARRIED Time was 8:00 p.m.

AVERY WEAVER, MAYOR

YVONNE F. LONG, CITY CLERK